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## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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## Commissioner:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §§ 1.56. 1.97 and 1.98, and in accordance with the provisions in the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure §§609 and 707.05(b), enclosed is FORM PTO-1449 listing the references that are known to applicant. Copies of each of the listed references are enclosed.

The submission of the above-described documents does not constitute an admission that any of them are valid prior art against the claims of the present application. That is, applicant reserves the right to antedate or otherwise remove the documents as references.

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It is respectfully requested that the listed references be considered in the examination of this

application and identified on the list of references cited on the patent issuing for this application.

Applicant also requests that an initialed copy of FORM PTO-1449 be entered in the application file

and returned to applicant with the next communication from the Office in accordance with MPEP §

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Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosures: PTO-1449, w/references